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UNITED STATES,)
) USAO No. 2023R10105
Plaintiff,)
) Court No. 24-CR-08132-RM(EJM)
vs.)
)
ELIZABETH GUTFAHR,)
)
Defendant.)
)

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March 11, 2025
1:33 p.m.

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1 (Commencement of recorded interview.)

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3 AGENT GONZALEZ: Today is March 11, 2025.

4 This is Special Agent Shannon Gonzalez with the FBI on

5 a recorded interview with -- go ahead, please, and

6 introduce yourselves.

7 Jane, do you --

8 MR. AMENZAGA: Should I go first?

9 AGENT GONZALEZ: -- want to start?

10 MS. WESTBY: You go first, Adam.

11 MR. AMENZAGA: Okay. Adam Amenzaga.

12 Actually, the legal name is Adan, A-d-a-n, Amenzaga.

13 I am the fire chief of the Rio Rico Medical & Fire

14 District.

15 Go ahead, Ana.

16 MS. HOLMAN: My name is Ana Holman, and

17 I'm the administrative manager for the Rio Rico Fire

18 District.

19 MR. MATERA: And this is Jeff Matera.

20 I'm legal counsel for the district.

21 MS. WESTBY: And Jessica?

22 MS. OLIVOS: And I'm Jessica Olivos.

23 I'm the victim witness advocate assigned to this case.

24 MS. WESTBY: And I'm Jane Westby. I'm the

25 assistant U.S. attorney, one of the DOJ prosecutors



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1 assigned to the case.

2 And we also have Agent Padro.

3 AGENT GONZALEZ: That's it.

4 MS. WESTBY: Okay. Well, thanks all for
5 meeting with us. So we've got a sentencing come up --
6 it has been moved, the sentencing date, for Gutfahr.
7 And this is all about our questions related to the harm
8 that's been caused by Ms. Gutfahr. Her sentence is
9 June 18th, for sentencing.

10 So we've been talking to the school and
11 the fire district to discuss about how this has
12 impacted the school, either financially, emotionally.

13 And so I guess, Chief -- Amenzaga, am I
14 saying that correctly?

15 MR. AMENZAGA: Yeah.

16 MR. MATERA: Amenzaga.

17 MS. WESTBY: Amenzaga. All right.

18 Thank you, sir. Let's start with you.

19 Are you anticipating financial needs being
20 unmet in the future? What's the current status of
21 that?

22 MR. AMENZAGA: So kind of in summary, yes,
23 this finance that we're kind of going through, this
24 embezzlement, will create a hardship for the fire
25 district.



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1 We had plans -- part of our strategic plan
2 for purchasing of equipment, trainings, different
3 options for the district. And because of the
4 embezzlement, we're now having to change those plans.
5 We're having to reevaluate even salaries, personnel,
6 coverage. All sorts of different items in the district
7 was affected.

8 And then talk about morale? Morale has
9 been difficult too, you know, to get them to understand
10 that, hey, you know, this embezzlement was not the
11 creation of the district. It was outside of our
12 control.

13 So keeping morale up and, you know, trying
14 to inform everybody that we're working through a
15 process with legal and the County to see if we can get
16 those funds given back to us. You know, we're still in
17 that process of finding out how much we're going to get
18 back. We've been given different amounts. So that's
19 been a frustration as well.

20 The lack of transparency on the County's
21 part, including the treasurer. When we dealt with her
22 and asking her questions when she was still in power
23 about our monies and how they were -- how we were able
24 to collect money, spend money, move money, we were not
25 given any answers that were -- that were faithful, I



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1 these three ambulances?" Are you going to get that
2 money or (indiscernible)?

3 MS. HOLMAN: We're going to push for that.

4 MS. WESTBY: Okay.

5 MS. HOLMAN: They're saying that the
6 money's not there. But, I mean, how can you say, oh,
7 the money -- here's the money that was stolen? I mean,
8 we are going to -- that's for the board instructors.
9 We are continuing to operate the way we are.

10 MS. WESTBY: Okay. All right. So right
11 now there's uncertainty whether you're going to be able
12 to get the ambulances and the trucks that you need.
13 Am I hearing that right?

14 MS. HOLMAN: Absolutely.

15 MS. WESTBY: Okay. Okay. All right.
16 And who is telling you that the money might not be
17 there? Like the treasurer's office now is telling you
18 that?

19 MS. HOLMAN: Yes. Because they hired this
20 accounting firm to allocate the losses. So they
21 allocated that way. So the treasurer said, "Oh, this
22 is what it is, and you don't have money into that
23 account." And so we fought back. Chief Amenzaga and
24 I, we met -- I believe Matera also. And we say, "You
25 cannot take this money."



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1 So they kind of shield -- just those were
2 the restricted accounts. But if they had come out with
3 the \$1.6 million that we lost, all they did is shuffle
4 that amount into two other accounts, saying that we
5 lost more money from the other account, and those will
6 be (indiscernible) back from when we build the tower.

7 MS. WESTBY: Okay. So what I'm hearing is
8 that it's approximately 1.6 million that they've -- or
9 (indiscernible) that they've allocated to you as a
10 portion of the loss from the 38 million?

11 Okay. I see. And you're nodding yes.
12 Okay. Is that right?

13 MR. MATERA: Yes. That's -- that's
14 correct.

15 MS. HOLMAN: That is correct.

16 So if they allocated \$1.6 million, and
17 then they say that they're estimating that they're
18 going to recover about 320,000. So we're still missing
19 like \$1.3 million.

20 MS. WESTBY: Okay.

21 MR. MATERA: If we were to accept that
22 amount, which at this time we're not.

23 MS. WESTBY: Right. No, understood.
24 Okay.

25 All right. And do you know when



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